

SENATOR COORDSEN: You've heard the motion to readvance the bill. All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Before we proceed, I would like to announce that Senator Warner has guests under the north balcony, the Doctor of the Day, Dr. Dan DeFreece, from Lincoln. Welcome, Doctor, and I hope you have no work to do today. Please rise and let us show our appreciation. The next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Avery would move to return LE 642A to Select File for a specific amendment found on page 1752.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Avery on your motion to return.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Again, this is to bring the A bill up to speed and in terms of the final changes, the date changes and what dollars will be in there and I would ask that you allow us to bring that back and amend the A bill. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Avery. There are no other lights on. Did you wish to say anything in closing? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the return to Select File of LB 642A. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The bill is returned to Select File. Senator Avery, to open on your amendment. (AM4286)

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Again shortly, what this is doing is transferring both General Fund and federal dollars to follow the transfer of the FTEs to foster care from Department of Social Services. And in that process, we have been, I'll state again, very conservative on terms...in terms of the federal dollars and match. And I think that's very important in light of not knowing what's going to happen in the next year in terms of the cutbacks in the federal. We feel that this will actually help improve any potential and the dealings between the department and foster care as well. But not relying on the federal dollars that will I think help and is a smart move at this time. Again, bottom line is that there's about a